

# LOS ANGELES HOTEL BEL-AIR

## One day itinerary: **Food**

California produces some of the finest produce in the United States, and Los Angeles has long been its food capital. A new generation of chefs have shifted the emphasis from formal fine dining to a more down to earth experience, and brought experimental restaurants to areas that had once dropped off the map. Whether you want a food truck or crisp linen with all the frills, discover the best food destinations in Los Angeles with this one-day itinerary.

*Start your day off by picking up some cheese at the legendary Cheese Store of Beverly Hills, found 10 minutes by car from Hotel Bel-Air and five minutes from the Beverly Hills Hotel.*



### THE CHEESE STORE OF BEVERLY HILLS

*T: 0310-278-2855 | 419 North Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210*

Selling artisanal cheeses, charcuterie, wine, caviar, gift baskets, and custom-designed gifts (such as cheese wedding cakes), not to mention offering dinners, tastings, cheese and wine pairing classes and catering, The Cheese Store of Beverly Hills is the epicentre of every cheese connoisseur's universe.

*From there, it's about 15 minutes by car to chocoholic heaven at ChocoVivo.*

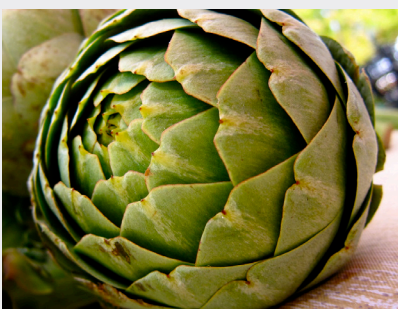


### CHOCOVIVO

*T: 0310-845-6259 | Culver City Chocolate Factory, 12469 West Washington Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90066*

Taking chocolate 'from bean to bar', ChocoVivo is an eco-chic venue offering dark chocolate products grown on its own plantation and roasted onsite. The chocolate is so true to its roots that it's still 'stone ground', just the way the Mayans and Aztecs made it over 2,000 years ago.

*For something a little fresher after the chocolate and cheese, 10 minutes in a car will take you to the Santa Monica Farmers Market on Main Street.*



### SANTA MONICA FARMERS MARKET

*T: 0310-458-8712 | 2640 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90405 (Sundays)  
2200 Virginia Ave, 90405 (Saturdays) Arizona Ave @ 2nd Street, 90401 (Wednesdays, Saturdays)*

Founded in 1981, the Santa Monica Farmers Market attracts around 900,000 shoppers each year. With a mission to promote healthy eating and sustainable agriculture, it connects urban consumers to California's farmland, with great results for both.

*From the Farmers Market on Main Street, drive for 15 minutes to get to Farmshop.*



## FARMSHOP

*T: 0310-566-2400 | 225 26th Street #25, Santa Monica, CA 90402*

Admired by residents and critics alike, Farmshop's chef-owner, Jeff Cerciello, supports Californian artisans and organic growers. Visit the market to discover handcrafted cheeses and chocolates, charcuterie cured using traditional methods, wine, beer, condiments and more; honouring local is Farmshop's raison d'être. In addition to the market, there's also a bakery and a restaurant onsite.

*Then it's up into the hills above Malibu, with a 40-minute drive along the Pacific Coast Highway to Malibu Wines on Mulholland Highway.*



## MALIBU WINES

*T: 0818-865-0605 | 31740 Mulholland Highway, Malibu, CA 90265*

Malibu Wines is comprised of acres of vineyards, picnic tables and a store. Open seven days a week, it holds wine tastings and serves wines by the bottle and mimosas by the glass, often to live music. If a large group is heading in its direction, the company is more than happy to organise catering, too. Book online to visit.

*Then, get back in the car for the 40-minute journey to the Hotel Bel-Air or the Beverly Hills Hotel.*

*All journey times are approximate and subject to variation.*